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Argentina, Belarus, Canada, China, Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mali, Monaco, Morocco, New Zealand, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Ukraine:
draft resolution

United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002

The General Assembly,

Recalling the international conventions dealing with the protection of cultural and natural heritage, including the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict adopted at The Hague in 1954¹ and the two Protocols thereto, the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,² and the 1972 Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage,³ as well as the 1989 Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore⁴ and the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity of 2001,⁵

Welcoming the ratification of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage by one hundred and seventy-five State parties and noting the inscription of more than seven hundred and thirty sites on the World Heritage List,

Mindful of the importance of protecting world cultural tangible and intangible heritage as a common ground for the promotion of mutual understanding and enrichment among cultures and civilizations,

Bearing in mind the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,⁶ which calls for actions to promote sustainable tourism development in order to increase the benefits from tourism resources for the

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 823, No. 11806.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1037, No. 15511.

⁴ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-fifth Session, Paris, 17 October-16 November 1989*, vol. 1: *Resolutions*, annex I.B.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Paris, 15 October-3 November 2001*, vol. 1 and corrigendum, *Resolutions*, resolution 25, annex I.

⁶ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.



population in host communities while maintaining the cultural and environmental integrity of these communities and enhancing the protection of ecologically sensitive areas and natural heritages by, inter alia, intensifying international cooperation,

Noting the work already undertaken to protect the world cultural and natural heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including the international campaigns,

Taking into consideration the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in 2002,

Taking note of the decision taken by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its 164th session with regard to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002,⁷

Recalling its resolution 56/8 of 21 November 2001, in which it proclaimed 2002 as the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage and invited the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the lead agency for the year,

1. *Declares* the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage concluded;
2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in collaboration with States, observers, relevant United Nations bodies, within their respective mandates, other international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, to continue to intensify the implementation of programmes, activities and projects aimed at the promotion and protection of the world cultural heritage;
3. *Also invites* Member States and observers to continue to promote education and raise public awareness to foster respect for national and world cultural heritage;
4. *Reaffirms* the importance of further developing international mechanisms for safeguarding and protecting the world cultural heritage, and encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to explore ways to intensify international cooperation in this regard, inter alia, by considering the merits of convening an international conference on strengthening and consolidating international mechanisms for safeguarding and protecting the world cultural heritage;
5. *Invites* the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to address and present to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session an overview of the activities undertaken during the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;
6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage".

⁷ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Decisions Adopted by the Executive Board at its 164th Session, Paris, 21-30 May 2002* (164 EX/Decisions), decision 7.1.2.

